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W. T. GASTON - WITH THE LORD - AUGUST 26, 1956

It's the DEDICATION of

CRAIG CHAPEL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

An extra special occasion promising a spiritual treat to all. Scheduled to attend are: All District Presbyters, All B. B. C. Board Members, the Bethany Park Camp Committee, and, of course, the District Officials.

- SERVICES -

2:30 p. m. and 7:45 p. m.

C. A. Vesper service at 7:00

Except for the actual dedication, services will be in the tabernacle. Everyone who can come is urged to be present for this great day of mutual rejoicing. — Supper for everyone in the B. B. C. Cafeteria.

Concerning Metropolitan Group Insurance

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has advised us that the U. S. Treasury Department states that there is no reasonable assurance that a beneficiary in an Iron Curtain country will ever receive death claim payments. The Company declares that in the matter of beneficiary "it may be wise not to name someone living in the countries listed in this regulation." The listed countries are: Albania, Bulgaria, Communist controlled China, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania, U. S. S. R., and the Russian Zone of Germany. Concludes the release: "If your presently designated beneficiary resides in one of the countries listed, this might be a good time to make an appropriate change."

CLASSIFIED ADS

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CARETAKER WANTED — Pentecostal Christian to serve as caretaker and janitor. Apartment available. Contact: Glad Tidings Temple, 1451 Ellis Street, San Francisco 15; Fillmore 6-6171.

News of our District MISSIONARIES

Compiled by
Mildred Anderson

District churches have given a total of \$117,122.32 the first six months of 1956 as compared to \$105,995.35 for the first six months of 1955, an increase of \$11,126.97 over the same period last year.

The Foreign Missions Committee has taken preliminary steps for setting up a Missions Seminar for the Representatives, Committeemen, Missionaries, and any others who can be interested.

Paul and Miriam Wright, Nyasaland are expected to arrive in Sacramento on August 20. They will be headquartering there while home on furlough and will begin their itinerary shortly.

Sister Elsie Isensee is leaving for Peru on August 20, after a very brief but good itinerary in her home District. The cooperation and interest shown by her many friends was very encouraging.

Rev. H. B. Garlock has had an emergency call to Nyasaland and finds it necessary to leave Los Angeles by plane on September 16. He is the featured speaker at a Convention which begins on September 26 in Mbega. Mrs. Garlock will finish the itinerary alone and leave from New York by boat, in November.

Lawrence and Bertha Borst, Fiji, are arriving in San Francisco on August 18 by Pan American Airlines.

Mel and Norma Steward are making plans for leaving for the Philippines by mid-October. They will appreciate your earnest prayers that they will have the needed funds to be

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able to make their schedule.

John and Eunice Wright are lacking part of their transportation funds but they are still hoping to make their departure for Bangalore in September.

A Missionary Convention in Stockton at Calvary Tabernacle for August 24-26 features Brother and Sister Garlock, Africa and Miss Eileen Edwards, India. Other Missionary Conventions are in the making for this fall. Among them is a Sectional-wide Conception in the Contra Costa Section which will be held in Concord on October 26 and 27.

W. T. GASTON WITH JESUS

"For I persuaded that neither death nor life . . . shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Rom. 8:38, 39

On Sunday, August 26, at 2:00 o'clock in the morning, God's call to higher service came to our beloved Northern California-Nevada District Superintendent, William T. Gaston. Brother Gaston had been ailing since July 5 when he suffered a heart attack in the course of his camp meeting ministry in the Southern Idaho District. Having been brought to his home in Santa Cruz as soon as he was able to travel, he had been convalescing and showing signs of evident recovery up to a week before his death. At that time he suffered a relapse, and day by day passed without improvement. This condition culminated in a sharp attack at 1:00 a. m. Sunday, and within an hour Brother Gaston had triumphantly slipped away Home. Santa Cruz Pastor Raymond P. Murray was at his bedside in the final moments.

Expressions of shock and sympathy to the family have poured in from far and near as news of this event has gone forth. Though for the past 12 years, Brother Gaston had given himself to the leadership of the Northern California-Nevada District, his influence extended far and wide, and a large circle of Christian friends and admirers is left to mourn his loss. He represented a spiritual insight and maturity achieved by few men in this life.

William T. Gaston was born in 1886 in Green Forest, Arkansas. In 1911,

at 25 years of age, he entered the Full Gospel ministry as an evangelist. He was present at the original Hot Springs, Arkansas, convention which organized the Assemblies of God in 1914. One of his pastorates in these early years was the assembly that became Central Assembly of God of Springfield, Mo., and he was responsible for erecting the building which became the first home of Central Bible Institute. In being the pastor of Central Assembly, he had a part in the founding of C. B. I., and for a time was one of its teachers.

In 1925, Brother Gaston became the General Chairman of the Assemblies of God. In 1927 his election was reaffirmed and his title changed to General Superintendent. He remained in office until 1929, and was succeeded by Ernest S. Williams.

Pastorates in which Brother Gaston ministered and built churches, in addition to Central Assembly of Springfield, were in: Tulsa, Okla., San Diego and Sacramento, California. He also pastored in Arkansas and Arizona. As a camp meeting and convention

speaker, he ministered in almost every area of the United States and in some parts of Canada.

Tracts and pamphlets by Brother Gaston on Salvation, the Pentecostal experience, the Holy Spirit, and speaking in tongues were published through the years by the Gospel Publishing House. These publications proved a blessing to many. He has been a consistent contributor to the *Pentecostal Evangel* and to many district magazines, including of course, *Glad Tidings*.

In 1936, Brother Gaston came to our District to pastor Bethel Temple of Sacramento. He served as leader of this great assembly for nine years, and in that time was able to see erected the large auditorium which still serves the congregation. His election as District Superintendent in 1944 removed him from the pastorate of Bethel Temple, but he left in Sacramento a great circle of admiring Christian friends.

Brother Gaston is survived by his wife, Artie Gaston, with whom he observed their golden wedding anniversary on July 5 of this year; three daughters, Mrs. Irma Hawkins of Fresno, Mrs. Velma Haworth of Van Nuys, and Mrs. Dwight Loufbourrow of Oakland; three sons, Vernon H. Gaston of Washington, D. C., Rev. Marcus Gaston of Inglewood, and Rev. Paul Gaston of Hayward; a sister, Mrs. Laura Roberts of Arkansas;

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A few days before his death Brother Gaston wrote "A Message to All of Us." This article had already gone to press before his passing and may be found in this issue on page 6.

A Poetic Tribute to Our Beloved Brother Gaston

Promoted now to the ranks above
A faithful leader whom we all love;
He fought a good fight, his armour laid down—
Awaiting him there is the victor's crown.

Where Christ abides, death cannot be
Oh grave, where is thy victory
Oh death thou art a conquered foe
To all God's ransomed saints below.

Death, to the child of God means dawn,
After the long, long night is gone.
Eternal sunshine after storm
Where sin and Satan cannot harm.

Death, to the saint is but a sleep
Where Angels their sweet vigils keep;
The opening of the garden gate,
The gate of rest where loved ones wait.

Death, is but a transportation
By which we reach our destination
Transports the soul to realms above
Where all is peace and God is love.

From out this sinful veil of tears
To the raptured glory of eternal years.
Forever to behold His face
And tell the story saved by grace.

Lillie Buffum.



Reminiscences of the

PHILIPPINE GOOD FRIDAY

Flossie Kaufman reports graphically her experiences with the
Philippine Flagelantes.

AS I prepared to write this article, I chanced to look down at the toe of my shoe. There I saw a dark spot, somewhat blended into the tan leather, but almost surely it was a small drop of blood. It served to bring more vividly to my mind the day, Good Friday, about which I want to tell. Certainly it is a day that I will never forget.

That day I walked just behind a man with a mask on his face. He sought to make himself anonymous as he tried to re-enact the sufferings of our Saviour. He was beating his own back with a long whip fashioned with a rope handle and several short bamboo sticks which rattled together as their sharp ends struck into the flesh. On his head he wore a crown of thorns. At times he staggered and nearly fell, but the rhythm of the

beating on his back was uninterrupted. Even as he changed the rope from one hand to the other he kept on beating.

Suddenly he turned to face a small shelter where candles burned on both sides of a colorful statue of the holy mother. Falling prostrate with his face in the dust he stretched out his arms in the form of a cross and lay still under the blazing tropical sun. His back was shining with mingled blood and sweat, and I wondered if he could ever raise himself. But as I watched he was up and beating himself again with every step as he made

Flossie Kaufman, with her husband Riley, is on the staff of the Far East Broadcasting Company of Manila, Philippine Islands. The Kaufmans formerly pastored in this District in our assembly at Newark. Sister Kaufman is the sister of Goldia Anderson, our WMC president.

his way on down the road. How I wanted to run to him and try to tell him that our Redeemer died once for all!

All this time loud speakers were blaring loudly the wailing and singing and monotone reading from inside the shelter when the candles burned. It was a frenzied atmosphere as other men beating themselves in the same manner came in a line with a crowd of people following. How I prayed that these benighted souls might come truly to know Christ with His message of understanding and hope!

We got in the car and drove to the big church on the corner. The large doors were open, and at the entrance stood a beautiful carriage decorated with statues and candles and wreaths of flowers. We were informed that in the evening some horses would pull the carriage through the streets, and it would contain a life-size figure of the crucified Christ. Standing just inside the church, as my eyes became accustomed to the dim light, I noticed nearby a tall statue of our Lord with several children kissing his arms and hands and feet. Then they left, and other little ones came in and without noticing us went straight to the figure and repeated what the first had done. One father brought his two darling boys, and he stood and waited for them to do the same as the others. I watched a tiny girl with a black veil over her hair as she reached her small hand up and caressed the wooden arm and kissed it many times. She seemed to linger for a longer time than the others, then, after she started for the door she turned and went back and left one more kiss. I couldn't hide my tears as we left.

Back in the car once more we drove to another church. As we pressed the crowd we heard again the sound of a human being beaten. There, on the cement floor in front of the church, lay a man and over him stood another swinging a switch consisting of a wooden stick with a thick strip of leather on the end. As the blows fell, the man on the floor didn't even

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Wages or Gift

GOD'S spiritual economy is certainly topsy-turvy when contrasted with our natural economy. Perhaps we should turn it around and say that ours is upside down.

In our economy, a man has to work like everything for a full day's wages, and then his employer may find all kinds of fault with his work. The employer may go broke, or some such thing, and the worker never receive his wages. In God's economy, a man merely drifts through life doing whatever pleases him best, and he receives a full wage. His master never complains about the quality of his work, and his wages are absolutely certain. The Bible states that wages of sin is death. A man need not do one thing to receive this wage.

In our economy, one may sit back and relax and receive a fine gift without putting forth one ounce of effort. The gift will be brought and placed in his hand, to have and to hold for life. In God's economy, a gift is something to contend for. While the gift of God is absolutely free, yet it will not come to the receiver. He must arise and ask for it, and then he must cling to it, to retain it. The Bible says that the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. This gift is ours, only if we arise and contend for it.

It follows automatically that it is better to work earnestly for a full wage in this life, and to contend earnestly for God's gift in the life to come.

The wages of sin are repulsive, but sure,
For the wage of the sinner is death;
While the gift of the Lord, for the righteous and pure,
Is the gift of eternity's breath.

Rom. 6:23

ALVY E. FORD

SANTA CRUZ' NEW CHURCH SANCTUARY

THERE'S ANOTHER MILESTONE OF PROGRESS among our District assemblies! Pastor Raymond P. Murray and the congregation of the First Assembly of God of Santa Cruz have just completed and put into service their lovely new sanctuary. The erection of this structure marks the conclusion of a building program that was begun some 7 years ago, and which provides for an exceptionally commodious and effective church plant.

Though the new sanctuary was first used for worship on Sunday, August 5, the official dedication service is scheduled for August 27 and it is to be combined with the Coast Counties Sectional Fellowship Meeting. The speaker is to be Joseph L. Gerhart, District Secretary-Treasurer. Superintendent W. T. Gaston has agreed to be present to bring greetings as one of his first acts of public ministry since his illness.

Included in the new building are the following facilities: church auditorium (seating area 60 ft. x 66 ft.), prayer room (20 ft. x 65 ft.), platform (seating 12) and choir loft (seating 32), 8 Sunday school rooms and the departmental assembly hall (seating 65), nursery, women's lounge, rest rooms, organ chambers, radio control room, baptistery and 2 dressing rooms, and 4 storage closets. The new wing has added over 10,000 feet of floor space to the church plant, and has brought the total floor space to over 18,000 square feet. The Sunday

school facilities have been expanded to provide a total of 31 classrooms.

The interior of the auditorium is beautifully finished in green and rose. It is furnished with pews of Kentucky Oak in silvertone finish and chancel furniture to match. The choir loft features upholstered opera chairs. Though the present seating capacity of the auditorium has been limited to 325, it is expected to provide for 600 as soon as there is need for it.

The auditorium lighting is provided for by a large number of individual recessed ceiling lights, plus a striking central lighting fixture. This fixture is all of brass in a Gothic pattern, and it is 6 feet across at the base. It was custom built by the Sechrist Electrical Engineers of Denver, Colorado. The lighting of the auditorium is so engineered that upwards of 12 levels of uniform illumination are possible, and the most brilliant is suitable for telecasting.

Remote radio broadcasting equipment and facilities have been included in the new building, and already the weekly program "Music With a Message" (KDON, Sundays, 6:00 p. m.) has originated from the platform of the new auditorium. There is a built in P. A. system with hearing aid headsets provided for the front seats. The facilities of the entire church plant are brought together with an intercommunication system and convenient extension phones, plus a bell system for Sunday school classes.

The architectural style of the building as a whole is Gothic Romanesque. It is of frame stucco, with steel casement windows and cement slab floors. Built into the floors is the copper tubing to provide a radiant heating system. The spire is of copper surmounted by a stainless steel cross. Across the front on the outside is an attractive planter of decorative Monterey stonework.

A striking feature of the building front is a stained glass window with the figure of Christ with outstretched hands depicting "Come unto Me." The window is a memorial to Mary Smith. It contains more than 500 separate pieces of glass and is close to 10 feet high; while the figure of Christ is better than 6½ feet high. A spotlight in the ceiling will illumine the window for passersby.

The completion of this sanctuary marks the fulfillment of many years of vision and labor on the part of Pastor Murray and his people. Eleven years ago, when Pastor Murray came to Santa Cruz, the congregation was worshipping in their tabernacle at Ocean and Dakota Streets — a structure which had been built 23 years before. In mingled faith, hope, and trust in God, the assembly prepared the architectural plans for the present church plant. The boldness of this action is evident when it is realized that the new church contains 8 times the floor space of the original church.

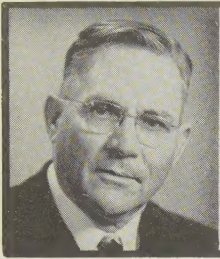
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Two views of the exterior of the new Santa Cruz building. In each case the new sanctuary is in the fore-

ground in the picture. In the scene to the right are Pastor Murray and Committee Chairman Glenn Craig.

DISTRICT COUNCIL



A Personal Message to all of us from Superintendent W. T. Gaston

To all the ministers and members and friends of the Northern California-Nevada District Council:

GREETINGS!

Having been out of circulation for some weeks, I am taking this easy way to thank the ministers and churches of the District for their prayers thru this period of trial and affliction. The Lord has been gracious and wonderful from the first day until now. When the last flickering rays of the sun were being pinched off and imprisoned behind ever-lowering clouds across the threatening horizon there was arched a beautiful rainbow of hope and this firm anchor of the soul did not drift. Is it not wonderful that we share an experience in things that are unshakeable and eternal?

My strength is returning slowly but steadily, yet most anyone could see that I am not yet finished with the rather hard lesson from the life-time course on human limitations. I have been advised that it will be necessary for me to remain comparatively inactive for a few weeks longer, after which the heavier responsibilities of the office may be gradually resumed. Brother Palmer, Brother Gerhart, and all the members of the office staff have been so understanding and helpful that I must take this opportunity to give public expression to a deep sense of appreciation and gratitude.

In closing this portion of my abbreviated report to the people, I am constrained to say that this period of forced retirement has served to deepen my sense of devotion to the work and the workers. I shall continue in prayer for Heaven's benediction upon all our true yoke-fellows in Christian service and upon all our labors of love. I shall greatly appreciate your continued intercessions on my behalf. There is a matter of mutual concern that should find a place in this report of your Superintendent. I refer to the new chapel for the Bible College. This new addition to our school and district facilities was undertaken after months of prayerful, careful deliberation in which all the elected and appointed representatives of the District fellowship had a full share. Brother Larry Anderson, our affable and capable Pastor at Santa Rosa, who is also a man of considerable experience in the building trade, finally consented to be the Superintendent of Construction. He (with others) estimated the cost of the Chapel at \$20,000.

Those of my readers who were

Leonard Palmer, District Missionary Secretary and Director of
New Church Promotion says

\$10,000 IS A LOT OF MONEY

and most of us are likely inclined to agree!

\$10,000 IS A LOT OF MONEY! Yet this amount has been given by one brother through his local church to our District New Church Promotion program! It will be used to establish a revolving fund with which to build new churches in booming sub-divisions where otherwise no church could be begun.

The idea has caught fire with the result that other friends at our Camp Meetings and in fellowship meetings have also responded with their contributions to this fund. To make this program really work smoothly, a total fund of not less than \$20,000 is minimum.

Many are asking "What can I do to make possible the opening of new churches in our District?" We are glad to reply "Make a contribution to our "New Church Promotion Revolving Fund."

Enterprise, near Redding, the first church to be assisted under this new program will begin building operations on Monday, August 20th. We hope to have some pictures of their progress in the next issue of *Glad Tidings*.

A commodious and choice location has also been secured in the central part of the fast-developing city of

present at the District Council last February will remember that I gave this figure as the approximate cost of the Chapel and explained that at least an additional \$5,000 would be required for seating, carpets, etc. — that the completed sanctuary would cost a minimum of \$25,000. A cash and pledge offering was received at that time of \$15,000. With this bit of history fresh in our minds I will now proceed with an encouraging report and a practical conclusion.

Well, at last the chapel is practically finished and most certainly we can affirm that the job was well done. Wise and careful management by the Superintendent of Construction, Brother Anderson, and Brother Boyd, our Bethany College Business Manager, together with a rather generous contribution of time and skill on the part of many of our good brethren, has given us this beautiful memorial chapel at a price that should make us

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Novato where 100,000 people will be living by 1960. This purchase was made possible through the New Church Promotion Revolving Fund. It is anticipated that building operations will begin there in the near future. An opportunity to advance into the fast-expanding area of Arden in the Sacramento district, only awaits the consecrated co-operation of more of our Spirit-filled saints who really long to see "*the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.*"

This new program is designed to meet a new challenge, not to supplant our regular Home Missions Program, or the Church Extension Fellowship, but rather to augment them. Why not write and send a contribution today to the District Office, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California, designated for New Church Promotion? Every dollar will be used for this purpose and for this alone. Your contribution to this work is as much a part of the Great Commission as is the sending of missionaries abroad. Both you and your church can receive missionary credit for your gift. May God bless you!

Leonard Palmer,
District Missionary Secretary.

Beyond Enthusiasm!

A selected reprint pertaining to Sunday School Work. It should be read by everyone who works in the Sunday School, and by pastors and spiritual leaders too.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FATALITIES HAVE their fundamental cause in the disease of indifference. Sooner, or later, the surface enthusiasm of many Sunday School workers wears off. Then comes the crisis! The Sunday School's destiny hinges upon the existence — or absence — of deeper motives beyond enthusiasm.

Where a passionate urge to make the Sunday School succeed exists no difficulty is too great to overcome. Where deadly unconcern has infiltrated, leadership, plan, or program cannot succeed.

Sunday School after Sunday School has made a promising beginning and then floundered on this rock of unconcern. What produces lethargy and lack of zeal for the advance of Christ's cause through the Sunday School? What constitutes an enduring motive that will maintain earnest endeavor? How may a passionate urge to build the Sunday School be aroused and sustained? It is time for some of these questions to be answered.

THE COLAPSE OF ENTHUSIASM

The sad tale of waning enthusiasm is re-enacted again and again. The attendance at Workers' Conferences begins to drop off. Workers begin to be late for many of the engagements. Their teaching shows little inspiration or preparation. Such danger signals flash incessantly, warning that a tragic loss of interest is occur-

ing. Finally the signs of indifference are so pronounced that in desperation the Sunday School leaders plan a new drive or program to recapture the workers' interest.

As a result many Sunday Schools go from artificial spurt to artificial spurt. The interest, zeal, and morale are too feeble to sustain forward progress, and a new "shot-in-the-arm" must be injected every little while to keep the Sunday School from collapsing completely.

What has produced this state of affairs? This is an important question — important because the success of hundreds of Sunday Schools is at stake.

In order to properly diagnose this spiritual ailment, we must peer into the make-up of human nature. We must find the answer to two questions: Why do people do what they do? Why do they do some things with more earnestness and enthusiasm than they do other things?

The inward cause for men's actions is called *motive*. Motives are inner urges to action clothed with all sorts of emotions. Men act with loathing; men act with joy; men move with lagging footsteps; or run with eager earnestness. Motives clothed with powerful emotions produce strong and earnest action. Motives clothed with weak emotions result in uncertain or halfhearted effort. The strength of purpose impelling any effort will be

BRO. GASTON'S MESSAGE

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all happy — \$26,000 completely equipped.

Offerings to date since the Stockton Council total approximately \$16,000. Add to this \$5,000 that was scraped together and ear-marked for the Chapel before the Council Session was convened and we are left with a red figure of \$5,000.

I will close these sketchy remarks with a sincere vote of appreciation on behalf of all the brethren who were responsible for initiating this little crusade, for all who have given either time or money in helping to give substance and shape to the vision. I would heartily commend our good District for this latest demonstration of a consistent will to meet the ever-growing demands of progress. What will be our collective answer to this last \$5,000 hurdle that is yet before us? I believe we will take courage and with a new burst of enthusiasm meet and finish off this financial problem as completely as the workmen putting the finishing touches on the work of construction. Certainly, no one will hold back on purpose but shall we not watch against procrastination? Help is needed now! Be sure to mark your contribution "Chapel Fund." I thank you in advance. God Bless you!

W. T. Gaston.

no more nor less than the strength and depth of the motive behind it. In view of this it is easy to see where the modern Sunday School is failing. It is failing to stimulate motives of sufficient depth and power to create passionate loyalty and sacrifice.

For instance, let us notice the use of the motive of competition. Self-

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DESCRIPTION OF PICTURES ON CENTER PAGES

MISSIONARY RALLY AT BETHANY PARK CAMP: (1) Mrs. Arthur Lindvall accompanies her four children who are bringing a special number in the Spanish language. (2) District Missionary Secretary, Leonard Palmer, brings introductory remarks. (3) The featured speaker of the afternoon, Reuben Candelaria of the Philippine Islands. (4) Narrator Ferne Murray in a behind-the-scenes booth reads into the microphone the descriptive script as the missionaries are introduced. (5) Ushers passing out missionary pledge cards. (6) A Speed-The-Light jeep bringing the speaker and principles to the platform. District C. A. President, Walt Boring, was the driver. (7) A scene during the receiving of the pledges. WMC President, Goldia Anderson is writing on the board, Office Secretary Mildred Anderson is awaiting the next pledge after Brother Palmer has read it. (8) The grand missionary procession at the

beginning of the service. (9) Missionary Representative Maynard Ketcham introducing Brother Candelaria. (10) A view of the entire platform during the course of the service. THE REDWOOD CAMP: (11) Campers filing by the Cook House to obtain their dinners. (12) The Spot. (13) A portion of the audience during a Saturday night service. (14) Camp Speaker Paul Riggs. (For other news of the Redwood Camp see the Here and There pages). THE MOUNT LASSEN CAMP: (15) Presbyter M. M. York rings the bell to bring the people for worship. (16) Retiring Director M. M. York extends greetings to Harold Byram, the incoming director. The building is the lovely new office erected by Brother Doherty's Assembly of Redding. (17) The "Chat 'N Chew" (refreshment stand) with some of the faithful crew members. (18) Four of the brethren pose beside a portion of the tabernacle.



MISSIONARY RALLY AT BETH.





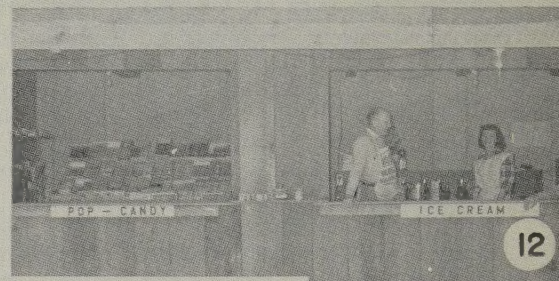
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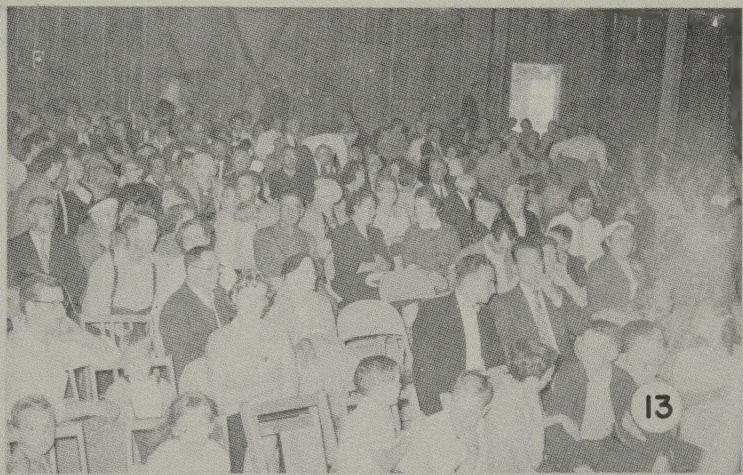
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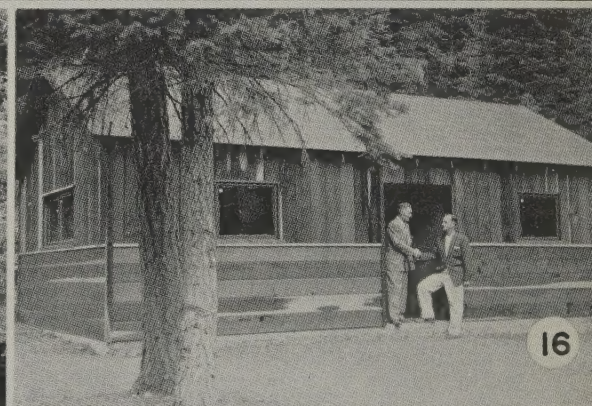
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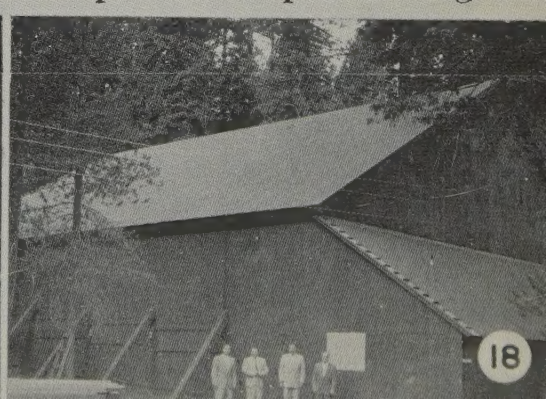
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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

A BIG ASSIGNMENT!

—Sounds like a big job, doesn't it—**ASSIGNMENT: AMERICA!** And it is a big job — one of the most important assignments of any Sunday School — that of reaching out to those in the community who are unsaved and bring them to the Lord. All over the nation, Assemblies of God Sunday Schools will join in this united effort in October.

The first Sunday of October will be **Assignment: FIND**, the time to take a census of your community; October 14 — **Assignment: CONTACT**, when you will visit the prospects; October 21 — **Assignment: FOLLOW UP**, the

time to re-visit those who did not get to Sunday School this week, or who were not at home last week; and October 28 — **Assignment: WIN**, a day set aside for a special decision service and an opportunity to lead the new members to Christ.

The results of this campaign will be eternal! It may mean a glorious revival in your church. Make plans now to conduct an Enlargement Campaign in October. If you have not received your Enlargement Campaign idea book or if you need further information please write to the National Sunday School Department and these helps will be forwarded to you.



I HAVE BEEN A SUPPORTER OF OUR Boys' and Girls' camps for several years — helping raise the camp fee for those who wouldn't otherwise have been able to go, and arranging transportation. I have also worked in the camp itself in various capacities, and this is my observation:

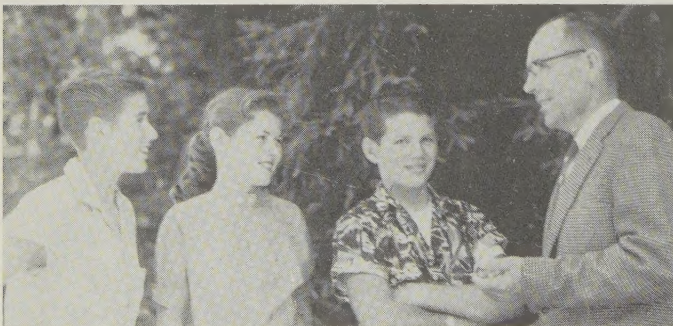
The boys and girls who get the most spiritual benefit are the ones whose pastor or some mature, qualified adult from their home church is on hand to pray with and encourage them in seeking God. The counsellors do a fine job, but in the very limited time they have to get acquainted, they cannot possibly sufficiently know each child, his background and dis-

position.

In my opinion, our camps are a very vital part of our churches and deserve the fullest co-operation of all. This year each of the camps, Adult, C. A., and Boys and Girls, has helped our local church more than any local revival we have ever had. Several were genuinely saved and even more received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, and have brought their blessing home to inspire new fervor and zeal in the entire congregation.

Pastors, let us all put more into camp next year. We will get more out of it if we do.

Pastor G. C. Sturgeon.



Above: Pastor Sturgeon with his bus and campers from Auburn.

Below: Brother Sturgeon and campers.

"DR." SUTER says

I Prescribe

a Check-Up

Perhaps you have asked yourself, "How can the Check-up help me?"

Check-ups are for your benefit! We are "sold" on the fact that they can help you. In life it seems that we either move forward or backward. The Check-up will help you find out which way your Sunday School is going — what it has accomplished during the past year.

Do you know how many pupils were saved during the past year? Are you sure your attendance increased? In filling out your Check-up, you will answer these questions. You will know how faithful your teachers and officers have been during the past year. The Check-up will show your weak spots. Half the battle in correcting a weak spot, is in finding it.

Not only does the Checkup benefit the local church, but it plays a very important part in your district work as well.

PASTORS — Checkup time is almost here. In fact it's just around the corner. Will YOU help us to get that checkup?

Here are five steps that will help you immensely to make Checkup as easy as possible for you:

FIRST: Accept the responsibility. Resolve to get your checkup in as soon after September 30 as possible. No one can do this job for you, only you can see that the Checkup is in on time.

SECOND: Arrange an important meeting with the Sunday School superintendent and secretary immediately following the last Sunday in September. Plan this meeting now so that everyone has an open date.

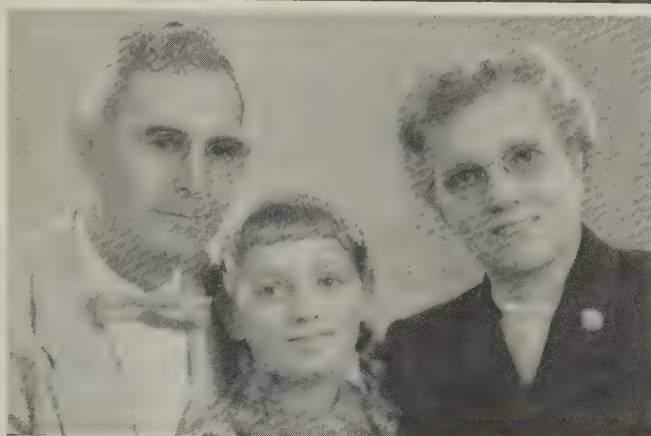
THIRD: During this meeting, cover thoroughly each question on your checkup. Make sure you have answered it correctly. (Don't leave it blank).

FOURTH: Above all, don't let your Checkup lie around, waiting to be mailed. Mail it immediately to: L. W. Suter, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California. I will be waiting for your Checkup.

FIFTH: Then, sit back, relax and enjoy the satisfied feeling that comes when you have done your part to make Checkup a success.

Try these suggestions! They will help you get your Checkup completed satisfactorily — and on time.

HERE AND THERE



Herbert and Olga Felton, with their daughter Carolyn.

The Herbert Felton family of Lima, Peru, are currently enroute home on furlough and should be in our midst to minister before long. No doubt they will become well known in many of our assemblies in coming months.

About Our District

BURLINGAME — The new pastor is Clarence Lebeck. He succeeds Leonard Palmer our newly elected Assistant District Superintendent.

CLOVERDALE — During the course of a recent revival, Pastor J. L. Jeffrey wrote: "We are having one of the best revivals that has ever come to our church. Rev. and Mrs. Don Carlos are our evangelists. Many new folk are coming for the first time and souls are being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit almost every night. Brother Don Carlos' anointed preaching is stirring the church."

CORNING — Pastor Joseph Harper's illness has made it necessary to secure Rev. Raymond J. Harper as the co-pastor of the assembly. Rev. Joseph Harper has been pastoring the work for nine years.

COVELO — "Our church is growing! We have a tenth of the town in our church — 108 in Sunday school and 5 new families this month. Please pray for us as we endeavor to reach more." Ken and Melba Roper are pastors.

CUPERTINO — The Cupertino Assembly of God has purchased four acres of land on which they propose to build a new edifice. The present plant is hopelessly overcrowded. The building committee is now working on plans for the new structure, and as soon as the financing is taken care of, construction will start. The new plant will probably seat around 450 to 500 including the balcony. Pastor Daniel Bayliss also reports: "Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Wood recently conducted a two-week children's revival. The average attendance was over 100, and about 198 were enrolled. The results were gratifying."

DALY CITY — Pastor T. F. Sandry reports: "During July the First Assembly of God enjoyed the rich, inspiring, and devotional ministry of Rev. W. J. Howells of Wales. This is Brother Howells' third visit

to the U. S., and on each occasion he has been an anointed vessel through whom Divine blessing has flowed. During his brief stay in the Peninsula Section, Brother Howells preached not only in Daly City, but in a number of neighboring churches. All of these places reported wonderful blessing and encouragement through our Welsh brother's ministry. Though he is currently ministering in the church of Phil Gagliardi of Kamloops, Canada, he plans to return to this area and may be contacted through T. F. Sandry, 1006 Hanover Street, Daly City."

EL CERRITO — Pastor E. Wm. Anderson has sent us a very interesting newspaper clipping concerning the church choir director, Richard Hartman. Brother Hartman is an Assemblies of God minister with Oregon District who has been attending seminary in Berkeley. During his residence in the East Bay he made the El-Cerrito Assembly his home church and contributed to the work, as already mentioned, by directing the adult and junior choirs. The newspaper article says in part: "While undergoing two weeks of Army Reserve summer training at Camp Roberts, assigned to the Chaplain's Section, Richard W. Hartman of Richmond gained distinction as the first man in the Sixth Army to be appointed a second lieutenant while still in theological school. For Lieutenant Hartman, the achievement of his goal of becoming an Army chaplain was not easy. Before entering the Golden Gate Baptist Seminary at Berkeley nearly four years ago, he had received his Bachelor of Arts degree and had his own pastorate in the Assembly of God Church in Buxton, Ore. In order to meet the standards required of Army chaplains, however, it was necessary that Hartman attend an accredited seminary and complete the required number of semester hours." This clipping is from the *Oakland Tribune*.

GARDNERVILLE (Nevada) — A letter from Pauline E. Nelson contains the following interesting news: "We are happy to report we have had 1½ acres of land donated and deeded to our American Indian Fellow-

ship. We hope soon to build a church on this fine site. This will be the first church of any denomination in all of Alpine County. We have been having services for over a year in a borrowed building which is too small for some of our services. The 'peyote' religion is rampant around here, but in our meetings 2 or 3 have come and accepted the Lord and several others are interested and have promised to throw in their lot with us. Please pray that God will move on hearts, and that He will send in finances for our new church."

GUERNEVILLE — Recent special speakers have included Ruth Couchman and Danny Olson. A VBS was scheduled during the latter part of August. The pastor is George W. Hunter.

MODESTO (Bethel) — Recently the editor's mail brought an attractive folder and a pretty cellophane-wrapped packet of pressed flowers. In the folder, over the signature of Rev. Donald G. Weston, was the inscription: "These flowers from the altar of Bethel Church are sent to assure you that you are remembered in the prayers offered there. May they bring to you something of the peace and blessing of God's House." The folder also contained a picture of the church and the pastor, and information about the times of services. Surely this is an appealing idea that other churches might like to put into operation. Thanks for remembering us Brother Weston!

NORTH SACRAMENTO (North Gate) — A recent service of special interest was a water baptismal service in the river during Sunday afternoon. Brother D. H. Givens from Reno was a recent guest speaker. The pastor is E. L. Snyder.

OAKLAND (Calvary Temple) — A church reporter writes: "We are mighty proud of our C. A. Scripture Quiz Team. At the Sectional C.A. Rally at Mosswood Park they defeated the "CHAMPS" from Newark. Since they now wear the Champion's Crown, they will compete with First Assembly of Oakland at the next Rally. Our team is composed of Blanche Adams, Jim Davis, Charles Dennis, Dick Foth, and David Opie" On August 5, former pastor V. Ernest Shores was guest speaker for the day. Other recent visiting speakers have included: Noble Ballew, Alfred Cawston, and Fred Atwell. The King's Ambassadors from Springfield were also recent guests. The Pastor is Oliver Foth and Minister of Music is Ardon Schmidt.

OAKLAND (Grace Church) — The published schedule of speakers included the following for August and September: Frank Morgan, H. B. Garlock, Forrest Beiser, and Eddie and Ruth Washington. The pastor is W. Lowell Hooper.

REDWOOD CAMP — Presbyter Virgil T. Eldridge sends a most encouraging and inspiring report of the 1956 Redwood Camp Meeting. He writes:

"We are happy to report the blessing of the Lord upon a very successful Camp this year. With the good co-operation among the Pastors and lay-members of the Churches, the erection of all the necessary buildings was accomplished, and we were

able to have Camp as usual.

"Sixty-four were registered in Junior Camp. Rev. Iva Marlenee, assisted by Bro. and Sis. Suter, did a fine job with our juniors.

"Large crowds attended the Adult Camp nightly with an average of around five hundred on week nights and from nine to ten hundred on Sunday night. Our new tabernacle was built twenty feet longer than the one lost in the flood, and it was filled Sunday night.

"The closing night was a "Jubilee" service. The Spirit of the Lord moved upon the entire congregation, making it a night of blessing, feasting, and Jubilee.

"Our speaker, Bro. Paul Riggs, proved to be a real blessing to the Camp.

"The Youth Camp opened August 6 with sixty-seven registered, and more expected.

"Bro. Walt Boring, our Youth Camp Speaker, preached a soul stirring message to the C. A.'s on this opening night, and a real move forward was made by at least ninety-five per cent of the young people. A large number were saved and several filled with the Holy Spirit. Rev. Joseph Murray, our Sectional C. A. Chairman, is in charge of the Youth Camp."

RICHMOND (Full Gospel Temple) — Rev. Willard C. Peirce has supplied the pulpit of this assembly for the summer months. The newly elected pastor is former missionary, Paul Bruton.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel Temple) — The Star Thomas summer revival has proved a time of abiding profit and blessing. No specific report of the results of the meetings is available, but there is every evidence that they have been very worth while. The catchy sermon titles that Brother Thomas used are certainly appealing. We note that the influence of Bethel ever continues to expand: Norm Sandberg, Minister of Youth now presents a half hour program of organ music each Sunday evening at 6:00 p. m. over Lodi's KCVR. Bethel's pastor is Rev. Clyde A. Henson.

SAN BRUNO — Pastor Edwin L. Cole reports a revival with Evangelist Merle Edwards. There were 6 filled with the Holy Spirit, several outstanding healings, and the blessing and inspiration for the entire church. Commented Brother Cole: "Brother Edwards was mightily used of God in a glorious meeting that made Pentecost a reality in the hearts of everyone.

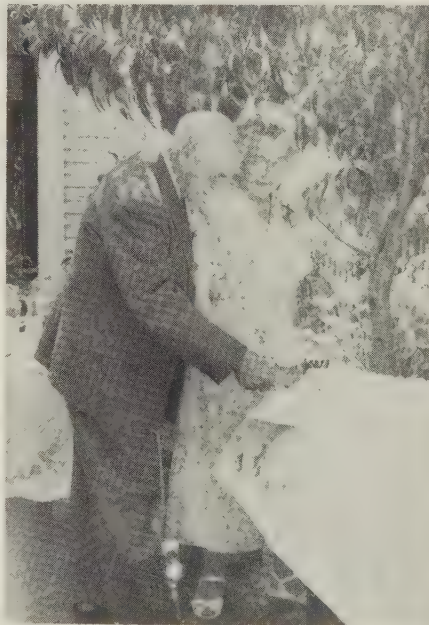
SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings) — During Pastor Lehmann's vacation, District Secretary-Treasurer, Joseph L. Gerhart is supplying the pulpit. A recent weeknight special speaker was missionary candidate Bernhard Johnson Jr. Sunday school Superintendent Wm. Weinman reports that the acting teacher of the Adult Bible Class is Rev. Irving Ford, formerly pastor of Oakland's Grace Church.

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — Pulpit supply during the vacation of Pastor T. Kermit Jeffrey included: Fred Greve of B.B.C. and J. L. Gerhart, District Secretary-Treasurer. The B.B.C. Ladies Trio was also present to assist in the services. During the absence of the pastor, Assistant Pastor Paul Kienel was in charge of the meetings.

SANTA ROSA (Assembly of God) — From Church Reporter, Maxine Ball, comes the report: "Brother and Sister Thomas B. Don Carlos were here for a week of special meetings, August 7 through 11. We enjoyed their ministry so much. Sister Don Carlos drew a chalk picture in every service, and it was given to the one who brought the most new guests to the service. The pictures were beautiful. And then she also sang in the services, and we enjoyed that so much too. Brother Don Carlos has a very distinctive ministry. He certainly gave us some wonderful teaching — he seems to preach on subjects you don't hear much of any more." Recent missionary speakers have included Sister Bennett of Lebanon, and Ruth Couchman, missionary to the Argentine. B. B. C. graduate Robert Mahaffy has accepted the call to serve as Director of Religious Education and Minister of Youth. The pastor is L. R. Anderson.

At Our National Office

C. A. DEPT. — Speed-the-Light Dollar Day will be observed Sunday, October 21. Each C. A. is asked to contribute \$1.00. Special helps and information on the pro-



Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Robertson cutting their wedding cake at the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary held at their home, 1169½ S. Eighth Street, San Jose, California. In attendance were a great number of friends and relatives. The Robertsons have served for thirty years in the work of the Lord, pioneering the church at Exeter and pastoring at Delano and Woodlake in Southern California, St. Helena in Northern California, and Reno and Fallon, Nevada. They are now retired, but as zealous as ever for the work of the Lord.

gram may be obtained from the C. A. Department.

EVANGELISM — The new directory of evangelists, listing names, addresses, and pictures of 315 Assemblies of God evangelists was mailed to all pastors in late August. Other persons interested in obtaining the publication may do so by writing the Department of Evangelism and enclosing one dollar.

HOME MISSIONS — For some time Brother Arvid Ohnell has been sponsoring a program to obtain books for prison libraries. He is very gratified for the response up to the present time. Until Brother Ohnell began this program, some state prisons did not have a single book for inmates; now several penitentiaries have good libraries because Assemblies of God people contributed books they did not need. However, there is yet need for hundreds of books. Included in the needy institutions is one state prison with only 35 books for 800 inmates. Books should be sent to: Arvid Ohnell, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

This Department has also announced a special program in the area of its ministry to the Deaf. October 18-21 has been set apart as an occasion when Deaf Christians and Ministers to the Deaf will gather in Springfield for a special conference. For Ministers to the Deaf it will be a time of planning and preparation for spiritual advancement and aggressive evangelism among the Deaf. Persons desiring further information should write: Earl Walpole, Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — As usual, the month of October is being set apart as Enlargement Month in all Assemblies of God Sunday schools. The theme for this year's campaign is: "Assignment: Americal!" On the last Sunday (October 28), all Sunday schools are invited to submit a report of their attendance and enrollment (to their Sectional S. S. Representatives) so that the grand total for the entire nation may be announced on *Revivaltime* that evening.

On Our Overseas Front

GOLD COAST (West Africa) — "This is the Lord's doing — and it is marvelous in our eyes!" So write "The African Lehmanns" (Hal, Naomi, and Gretchen) in reporting their ministry in the schools of their area. Through a series of providential events, Brother Lehmann now ministers regularly in the large Government Boy's Secondary School, and also the Teachers' Training College. In addition, a good number of youngsters come from the school to their local church for an early morning service. Hence, the missionaries are having a most gratifying and promising ministry reaching the youth of Africa with the Gospel message, in a sense, by courtesy of the National Government.

HONDURAS — A good deal of hope for the future in the work in Honduras is centered in the Bible Institute which began its term on August 6. Although there is

constantly shortage of funds and accommodations for Gospel works, the greatest lack of all is for trained workers to place in centers desiring a witness. Pray for Paul and Ileen Cooper as they labor during the fall season in this important ministry.

PERU (Lima) — The Herbert Feltons write optimistically of blessing and progress in the completion of their great Evangelistic Center. Upwards of 1,500 attended during the revival with the F. A. Sturgeons, and the meetings continue to prosper in spite of the unfinished state of the building. Funds are needed to keep the work going forward.

PHILIPPINES — Calvin, Olive, and Cynthia Zeissler report concerning their outstations: "At present we have 25 outstations, and our average outreach is 1,234. Our outstations are similar to branch Sunday schools, but out here we strive to make them rapidly into permanent works. At present we have branched out into four other towns and we are hoping to be able to build churches in each place. Since this project is too large for one person to handle, I have appointed a national to be superintendent of this work. Most all of our C. A.'s are active in this program; it thrills our heart to see them all working for the Lord. In their classes they will have from 25 to 50 children, plus some adults. Last week, in one of our stations, they had 80 children and 72 adults. So you can see that this is a wonderful way of getting the Gospel to these people."

PHILIPPINES (Manila) — "Last week I went downtown to get a clock fixed. Arriving at "siesta time," I found the store closed, but I slipped through the iron gate which was partly open. The wealthy owner was resting in the back, intently listening to the radio. As I approached him I recognized the program: "Scripture for Today" on DZAS. The speaker was Flossie, my wife, conducting her daily noontime Bible reading and inspirational program. Here was this businessman, a large Bible in his lap, intently following every word of the lesson and message! Multiply this many times over, and you have a picture of the blessing of a program like this." Riley E. Kaufman.

WEDDING BELLS

On August 3, Grace Church, Oakland, was the scene of a very lovely wedding when Patsy Nicolet and Irving Ford were united in marriage. The groom is the son of the former pastor.

Shirley Fay Hinkle became the bride of Rev. Leland B. Good on Saturday, the fourth of August, in a ceremony in the Bethel Assembly of God of Springfield, Oregon. The Goods plan an evangelistic ministry. Brother Good is a graduate of B. B. C., class of '53.

There are 550,000 deaf in the United States whom the Assemblies of God must reach with the Gospel.

Program to Interview Travelling Churchmen

The Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches has launched a new radio program consisting of interviews with travelling clergymen who enter this area. The program is broadcast over KFRC, San Francisco, on Saturday afternoon at 4:45. It is understood that our Assemblies of God ministers will be among those participating.

Coming next month

MINISTER'S INSTITUTES

in strategic centers in our District.

This is the ONE opportunity for candidates for ministerial recognition to be interviewed.

Be sure to attend the

Dedication of Craig Chapel

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CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

G-O-A-L

ATTENTION ALL C. A. PRESIDENTS: Coming to you soon will be a brand new record system for your C. A. group. You will be contacted by both the national and district offices, explaining in detail how to use the books. **LET'S BE THE FIRST DISTRICT TO HAVE A 100% SIGN UP FOR "G-O-A-L."**

SPEED-THE-LIGHT

"... In the darkness the mass of men struggled. There was a scream for help. Later, a roll call on the dark and quivering mud-bank revealed the enormity of the tragedy..."

A Paris Island drill sergeant's "disciplinary march" led six out of 74 young Marines into an orgy of death in a tidal marsh. It was a careless, useless waste of life. **IT DID NOT NEED TO BE.**

But how about the world around us? While we Christians sit in the light of His truth, men in spiritual darkness grasp at reeds of false security.

Through our missionaries we can pull multitudes to safety.

Speed-the-Light has the great task of providing modern equipment for our missionaries. If, having light, we do not *Speed the Light*, will not some future generation accuse, "It was a careless, useless waste of Souls. **IT DID NOT NEED TO BE!**"

Your October C. A. Rally will be a **SPEED THE LIGHT RALLY.** Be prepared to **GIVE** in this offering. **SPEED THE LIGHT NEEDS YOU AND WHAT YOU HAVE TODAY!**

Scenes from

Bethany Park C.A. Camp



WHO'S NEW?

On July 19 Chaplain Jack and Eunice (nee Lindvall) Carmichael welcome to their home Ann Marie, weight 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Pastor and Mrs. Pike Robinson of the Linda Assembly of God became the parents of a new daughter, Cynthia Ann, on July 24.

On July 28 at Grass Valley the family circle of Pastor and Mrs. Douglas Fairrington was enlarged by the arrival of Wesley Paul, weight 9 pounds, 15 ounces.

Pastor and Mrs. George McQueen of Dixon announce the arrival of George Tanner McQueen II on July 30, weight 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

SANTA CRUZ CHURCH

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With the master plan before them, the congregation proceeded first to build their education wing. This project was completed in 1949. The facilities of that building served for all church functions up to the present, when the erection of the remainder of the plant became an accomplished fact. A year and a half was required for the construction of the new sanctuary.

The Building Committee which worked with Pastor Murray in this project was comprised of: Glen Craig, Chairman; Stanley Scott, Lester Coon, John Flower, and Orin Hopping. A great number of the people of the congregation, including the ladies of the Women's Missionary Council, donated their skills and labor. The contractors were Baxter and Craig.

The construction was financed by an issue of bonds under the Broadway Plan of church finance. Pastor Murray reports that the plan was gratifyingly effective. The bulk of the bonds were bought by local investors, many of whom do not normally attend the church. The bonds are to be retired within 13 years. The entire church plant is valued at \$175,000, and the present indebtedness represents only a little more than one-quarter of this amount.

Already the new sanctuary and Sunday school facilities are bearing fruit in increased attendance, offerings, and general enthusiasm on the part of the people. After years of worship in the crowded education annex, the congregation and pastor find fresh inspiration and renewed blessing in their spacious new auditorium. A series of special revival meetings

W. T. GASTON

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also 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

During the days of his illness, Brother Gaston's constant testimony was that God had given him an unusual peace. He steadfastly rested in the Lord and enjoyed fellowship with Him. Although at times he spoke of the days ahead when he might be freed from routine responsibilities so that he might write and study, he, at the same time, gave evidence that he was impressed that the hour for the Higher Call was drawing near. And so he has departed, with forty-five years of devoted ministry to lay before the Master. Surely, his was an

to be conducted by Evangelist Watson Argue beginning Sunday, August 26, bids fair to be the finest the assembly has ever known.

Pastor Murray and your people, we congratulate you on this splendid achievement! We pray that your progress in temporal matters may ever be matched by spiritual advance and that the finest days in the life of your church lie just before you.

BEYOND ENTHUSIASM

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triumph is its aim. There is an urge to outdo everyone else. As used by the Sunday School this is a weak motive. The triumph to be won is too niggardly to arouse life's deepest emotions in the Sunday School workers. The very weakness of the motive—it has been used much by some Schools—has helped to produce indifference toward Sunday School work.

THE SECRET OF PASSION

It is a sad commentary on Christians today that such halfheartedness exists when Christ's cause cries out so challengingly. The same gospel we teach in our Sunday Schools has set men's souls aflame for two thousand years. It was this same gospel, burning so deeply in Paul's heart, that sent him on his perilous journeys throughout the Roman world. It has been the flame of their inner "Shekinah" that has marked the pages of human history with such names as Chrysostom, Savonarola, Wesley, and Livingstone.

What motive impelled these spiritual giants? What drove them relentlessly on in their struggle with error and darkness? What was the secret of their passionate living? We have the same message they had—but alas, little of their spirit!

abundant and a glorious entrance! May God grant that the torch of the Full Gospel ministry, represented so beautifully in the life of Brother William T. Gaston, be enkindled afresh in a host of lives as upon this occasion we contemplate the long and useful life of this esteemed man of God.

DO YOU NEED A NEW JOB?

We are advised that the Anaconda Copper Mining Company is urgently in need of new employees in its fast expanding plant at Yerington, Nevada. The personnel manager has offered to give good consideration to Assemblies of God men who apply. The operation is strip mining. Both mining and carpentry opportunities are open. Wages are high, company provided housing is good and rentals very low. AND you can become a Vocational Volunteer helping to assist in the establishing of a strong Assemblies of God work in this thriving community. For further information please contact Pastor Aleatha Edsall, Box 453, Yerington, Nevada, or Rev. L. Palmer, Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.

They were men obsessed with one idea. Into their lives had come a remarkable understanding of God's love for lost humanity. It was no theoretical statement of belief to them. All other reality faded before the impact of the tremendous thought. Thus, a deep and powerful motive sent them forward to evangelize their age with the message of redeeming love. No less a motive is sufficient to sustain our zeal in this age. Only the message of the crucified Savior can give meaning to the necessary sacrifices and inconveniences of aggressive Sunday School work.

TAPPING TREMENDOUS POWERS

The old principles of spiritual life have not changed with the times. There are no short cuts to spiritual power. We are where we are because we have had little time for God in our hurried schedules. The criminal neglect of private prayer and private meditation on the Scripture accounts for such little enduring interest in the work of the Sunday School.

Spiritual power is born in contact with God. As we live with Him and He lives out through us His soul-passion, the weariness and monotony will be swallowed up in radiance of His are the deep currents of His passion for men that will sustain and help us. Let us fix our eyes more on Him.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

THE WMC IN PERU

by OLGA FELTON

Women's meetings have been held from time to time through the years. The need for helping and instructing the rather backward and in many cases illiterate women of our Assemblies was ever before us. Finally a fine group of women was formed in our Rimac Assembly (Evangelistic Center), calling themselves, "the Dorcas." By 1951 several groups had come into existence and the name, "*Concilio Misionero Femenil*," was adopted by all.

In 1952 the C. M. F. received official recognition at the annual Convention of the Assemblies of God. At that time Mrs. Olga Felton became the National President of the C. M. F., which position she still holds. A splendid Constitution and By-Laws were compiled for use in this country. Due credit should be given to Mrs. Eva Bauer for her untiring efforts in translating and preparing the Constitution.

Our page in the monthly official organ of the Assemblies of God, carries the title, "*Ecos del Concilio Misionero Femenil*." In this section we publish a short Bible Study or outline for each week of the month, which enables the local Presidents to have a spiritual message for their devotions at the group meeting. Also a letter from the National President brings reports, suggestions and words of encouragement.

Many years ago Dr. Laubach visited us at the Bible Institute showing

how we could teach the illiterate adults. For the last five years I have been very burdened for the scores of Christian women who are unable to read the Bible. We have organized a campaign and the special Laubach courses have been given out freely. Some have learned to read and write for which we praise the Lord.

Although our women as a whole are quite poor, they work with great enthusiasm, especially when the Christmas season nears. At that time they like to send gifts to our workers out in the mountains, to orphans and other needy children. That grand work book, "How To Do It," has been a real help to me. I've translated certain parts that are practical for use here. It is very rewarding to me, as I go about to see how quickly suggestions were followed. The small rugs made from stockings are in evidence everywhere.

The men co-operate readily when asked to donate their used ties. However, back in the high Andes such a petition would be unthinkable, as the Indians there do not wear them. On exhibition at our local or regional C. M. F. fellowship meetings many knitted baby things, little dresses, boy's shirts, table scarfs, tea cloths, pieced quilts, cushion tops and imitation flowers for Mother's Day were observable.

Our National C. M. F. Day is the second Sunday in June. Please remember us in your prayers.



Missionary to Argentina, Ruth Couchman, opens gifts at a WMC rally at Susanville. Sister Couchman, is standing in the foreground. Seated on the platform are (l. to r.): Presbyter M. M. York, Sectional Director Ruth Gilbert, and District WMC President, Goldia Anderson.

GOOD FRIDAY

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groan though his back was gashed and the blood was pouring out. I felt sick as I turned away.

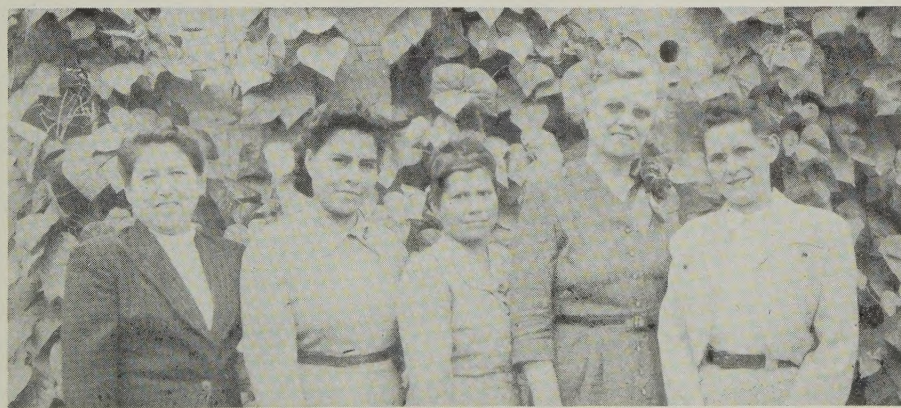
We were on our way home when traffic was stopped and we waited once again for a long procession of people walking in the street. This time the man they followed wore a crown of thorns and walked under a large wooden cross. From time to time, others would shift or rearrange it; but he carried his burden alone and went slowly on down the street.

Thus is Good Friday observed in the Philippines. These men who so horribly afflict themselves have usually made a vow to suffer each year as Christ did. Such a vow is made for a personal reason — usually sickness in the home or some other impelling motive. A man who once makes this vow is afraid to quit. It is said that those who give up are subject to terrible calamity for either themselves or their families in the coming year.

What a pity that so much is made of the dead Christ, while the living Saviour is unknown. How compelled we are to do our utmost in this needy field to spread abroad the message of light and love. We are indeed grateful for the ministry of radio whereby we are able to reach so many. And yet there remaineth so much more to be accomplished.

It was the burden for these in such darkness that prompted my husband to write the words of a song set to a tune that came to our daughter, Kay. This is the chorus:

O Gospel light shine bright out
Let every searcher see
God's only Son who died to save
All humanity!



The National Committee of the WMC of the Assemblies of God of Peru. In that land the group is known by its Spanish name: Concilio Misionero Femenil. An officer absent from this picture is Ruby Morris. The taller woman, second from the right, is Olga Felton, national WMC President and District Missionary.

CURRENT SIGNS

Time Spent With T. V.

The Methodist General Conference was told that people spend more time watching television than in any other occupation except sleeping and working.

Worship On The Job

Business and industrial leaders are increasingly lending encouragement to the idea of conducting prayer and worship services among their employees. At Waverly, Florida, the Co-operative Packing House of the Waverly Growers has lengthened the 10 minute coffee break periods to 20 minutes to make room for a devotional service. The service is led by a local minister who uses a public address system to reach his audience.

Boot-clad workers hold a prayer service every Wednesday morning at the Coastal Fisheries Plant in New Bedford, Mass. The odor of fish and the commercial atmosphere do not detract from this 30-minute period of worship. Instead, the familiar surroundings and mutual interests of the men and women fish cutters, produce an air of brotherhood and common purpose. "There is more harmony and a better work relationship," said the plant manager. "Plant moral has improved considerably."

Japanese Ministers Unite

In Japan, 90 percent of all ministers were present in two services to hear Billy Graham!

Cost of Handling Drunks in L. A. is \$2,000,000 Yearly

A conference on alcoholism was told recently that Los Angeles pays more than \$2,000,000 a year to handle drunk arrests and has nearly twice as many as its closest competing city San Francisco.

Life Expectancy Near Bible Span

Insurance company experts have just learned some facts of life known all along by even the youngest Sunday School scholar — *"The days of our years are three-score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength in labor and sorrow."* (Psa. 90:10). Confirmation of the Biblical life span came from experts of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company who report that the average life expectancy of wage earners and their families is now 69.8, only a trifle under the Biblical span of desirable and enjoyable living. Today men have more than double the life expectancy of persons born in 1889.

Vatican Broadcasts

The Vatican has installed new radio equipment at a cost of six million dollars. It is understood that the station will be sufficiently powerful to carry broadcasts to all parts of the world.

The Hour of Prayer

Prayer time on company time is becoming popular in industries. Workers gather in the Ford River Rouge Plant weekly for an informal service. In Saginaw, Michigan, the Severance Tool workers take fifteen minutes each morning.

Bible Clubs Win Youth

Wheaton, Ill. — An estimated 23,000 high school teenagers were won to Christ through the ministry of Youth for Christ International's high school Bible Club work during the past school year, as revealed by a survey conducted by YFC's Jack Hamilton, Director of the high-school Bible club ministry. The survey further revealed that 1,956 YFC's school clubs were in operation last year with an average attendance of 35. The total enrollment of all high schools was 7,400,000 with about 25% of the schools contacted by the YFC Bible Club.

Nearly 1,100 MPH Speed by Navy Plane Reported

The Navy's new supersonic fighter, the Chance Vought F8U1 Crusader is reported to have flown more than 1,050 miles an hour last month. Informed sources said at least one of the Crusader's several speed dashes came close to 1,100 Miles an hour.

Air Force Major Charles Yeager has flown the Bell X1A Rocket plane 1,650 miles an hour — twice the speed of sound — but no attempt was made for an official timing.

Alcoholics Increase

The number of alcoholics in the United States has increased almost fifty per cent in the past ten years. There are now 7,000,000 alcoholics and problem drinkers in this country and the number is increasing each year by 250,000. Alcoholics are multiplying twenty times faster than Alcoholics Anonymous and all other rehabilitation groups can salvage these victims. Eighty per cent of the known alcoholics in this country are between 30 and 50 years of age, and 85 per cent are men. Among the fathers of growing children, workers in industry, the leaders and decision-makers of government in our country, are nearly three million alcoholics — approximately 13 per cent, or one in eight men in this age range. Here is the measure of the tragedy of alcoholism — America's leading health problem.

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